**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Passed

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_Wednesday, December 7thth, 2016\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time):\_5:37 PM\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_WAMS Library, New Wilmington, PA 16142\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_A Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_X\_ Nancy Blaskewicz, Secretary \_X Heather Buchan, Literacy Advocacy

\_X\_ Kim Deniker, Treasurer \_A\_ John Ziegler and Linda Ziegler, Members at Large

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| * **Secretary’s Report –***Nancy Blaskewicz*    + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the Nov 9th, 2016 meeting.   + Meeting minutes from Nov. 9th, 2016 meeting were accepted as posted. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 30   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: Nov 2016, $83.00 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Kim Deniker*   + Current Checking Balance: $2,194.25 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: $83.00 * Report will be filed for audit * Bills approved for payment: * Send $200.00 to SHOW for International Project. | * **Literacy Advocacy Report** *– Heather Buchan*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. Report from KSRA: Focus on Early Childhood through Pre-K 2. Subscribe to Education World for more legislative information. 3. Keystones will not count for graduation until the Class of 2018. 4. Wants to just forward E-mails as she receives them from the Literacy Advocacy chairperson. 5. Kim will put the e-mail info on the wiki.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Literacy Advocacy*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Heather Buchan filling in for Michele*
  + Welcomed all officers and members.
  + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours.
    - All hours have been submitted and recorded as per Sandee Cechini.

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* + International Project
    1. **Motion Passed:** Donating $200.00 to: SHOW- Shared Hope For Orphans Worldwide.org to support their literacy fund in Uganda and for building a library/school
       - * Brian Saunders, President. Sponsor for children in Uganda, Africa to raise money

for educational supplies and books.

* + - * 624 E. Main Street, Grove City, PA 16127 724-822-1960
      * E-mail: [brian@SharedHopeForOrphansWorldwide.org](mailto:brian@SharedHopeForOrphansWorldwide.org)
    1. **Motion Passed**: Table for further discussion: Consideration for the *Caucasus Children’s Relief Fund*. Endorsed by author and paper engineer, Robert Sabuda. Our financial support will help to create a library full of books in the orphanage in the former Soviet republic of Georgia.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st, 2017 for $100.00.
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st , 2017

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele is now working with her art teacher at school to create another new logo and is working on developing it after ideas were submitted from the members. She will report back once she receives the final logo for approval of membership. A tree with books as branched and states the Council’s name.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve continues.
* Approved Council brochure: The logo is still being developed before we send this to print.
* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.
* Newman Center at SRU has a new Pastor and is not allowing outside groups to use the facility. We have a $150.00 credit with them that is supposed to be reimbursed in January of 2017.
* Bill May from Lakeview School District may be a future presenter. He presents “Showville Brothers” and does Ghost Tours in Butler County.
* Shelly Marosack (sp) from Neshannock may present Literacy Ideas for the free mini public library.

**New Business**

* Cranberry Public Library sent out fundraising brochures. We have motioned and Passed to table this until the spring to decide which libraries we will donate to.
* Jennifer Toney shared a read-a- thon she has undertaken at her school. She passed out information with a link to go online and sponsor to support the purchase of ELA materials for the classroom.
  + <https://99pledges.com/fund/sharpsville>
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_6:07 PM\_**